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SUBJ: DISSIDENT ARTISTS DISPLAYED IN MOSCOW ART SHOW

1. FIVE DISSIDENT ARTISTS DISPLAYED WORKS IN THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF MEMBERS OF THE UNION OF GRAPHIC ARTISTS WHICH OPENED TODAY AT THE CENTRAL BUILDING OF ART WORKERS. THE FIVE WHO DISPLAYED WORKS TODAY -- L. MASTERKOVA, OSKAR RABIN, DIMA PLAVINSKIY, V.N. MIKHIN, AND O.Z. KANDAUROV -- CHOSE PAINTINGS, ETCHINGS, AND DRAWINGS WHICH RANGED FROM SOME QUITE ACCEPTABLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT TO SOME SLIGHTLY OUTSIDE THE TENETS OF SOCIALISTS REALISM.

2. THE EXHIBITION WAS WELL ATTENDED BY THE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY, DIPLOMATS, AND THE WESTERN PRESS. SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE WILL

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BE FACED WITH RECONCILING THE CURRENT CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE

TOWARD THE FIVE DISSIDENTS WITH THE HOSTILE VIEW OF
RYBALCHENKO'S REVIEW IN OCTOBER 23 ISSUE OF VECHERNYAYA MOSKVA
WHICH INDICTED OSKAR RABIN FOR "FORMALISM."

3. COMMENT: THE CURRENT POLICY OF THE AUTHORITIES IS
EVIDENTLY TO SPLIT THE DISSIDENT ARTISTS BY SELECTIVELY
REWARDING SOME WITH OFFICIAL SANCTION WHILE PUNISHING AND
HARASSING OTHERS.
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